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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION - POSSIBILITY OF AVOIDING  
BY-ELECTION: NEW HOUSE LEADER

REF: NICOSIA 2030 (DTG 031625Z AUG 77)

1. AUGUST 4 NICOSIA PRESS SPECULATION REGARDING BY-ELECTION  
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DIVERGES SIGNIFICANTLY. PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI REPORTS AS A  
FACT THAT ELECTION WILL BE HELD WITHIN 45 DAYS AS PRESCRIBED  
BY CONSTITUTION, MENTIONS SEPT 17 AS LAST DATE POSSIBLE, AND  
STATES THAT AKEL (COMMUNIST) PARTY WILL NOT PUT UP A CANDIDATE  
BUT WILL SUPPORT ONE OF TWO PROBABLE OR THREE POSSIBLE  
CANDIDATES. HOWEVER, PRO-MAKARIOS DAILY PHILELEFHEROS  
SPECULATES THAT MAJOR PARTIES WILL AGREE TO AVOID FULL-BLOWN

BY-ELECTION BY UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTING ONE CANDIDATE, PRESUMABLY KYPRIANO, TO SERVE OUT REMAINDER OF MAKARIOS' PRESIDENTIAL TERM; IF THIS CANDIDATE IS UNOPPOSED IN BY-ELECTION, HE WILL BE DECLARED WINNER BY ACCLAMATION AND ACTUAL POLLING WILL NOT BE NECESSARY. THIS DEVICE, ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY SANCTIONED BY CONSTITUTION, IS PROVIDED FOR BY ELECTION REGULATIONS AND WAS USED IN 1973 WHEN MAKARIOS RAN UNOPPOSED.

2. SUBJECT OF ELECTIONS PRESUMABLY WAS MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN FOUR PARTY LEADERS (SEE NICOSIA 2027, DTG 031520Z AUG 77) A.M. AUG 4 BUT EMBASSY DOES NOT YET KNOW WHAT TRANSPRIRED AT THAT MEETING. LOCAL NEWSMAN WHO SAW CLERIDES AFTER MEETING TOLD USIS OFFICER THAT MEETING WAS SOMEWHAT INCONSLUSIVE, THAT PROPOSAL FOR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF SINGLE CANDIDATE TO SERVE OUT MAKARIOS' TERM WAS TABLED, BUT THAT CLERIDES MADE COUNTER PROPOSAL: HE WOULD PREFER TO HOLD CONTESTED BY-ELECTION WITHIN 45-DAY PERIOD WITH AGREEMENT AMONG PARTIES THAT WINNER OF BY-ELECTION WOULD RUN UNOPPOSED IN REGULARLY SCHEDULED PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NEXT FEBRUARY. MEETING REPORTEDLY WAS ADJOURNED TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF CLERIDES' PROPOSAL.

3. AT EARLY MORNING SESSION OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, HOUSE MEMBERS EULOGIZED MAKARIOS AND ELECTED NEW ACTING PRESIDENT OF HOUSE TO SERVE IN KYPRIANO'S ABSENCE.

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NEW ACTING PRESIDENT OF HOUSE, AND THEREFORE IN LINE FOR SUCCESSION TO PRESIDENCY OF REPUBLIC BEHIND KYPRIANO, IS ALECO MICHAELIDES, 44 YEARS, WHO IS SERVING FIRST TERM IN HOUSE. HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN ORGANIZING CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR TO FREEZE CLERIDES OUT OF HOUSE ELECTIONS, IS CONSIDERED TO BE A KYPRIANO PROTEGE, AND IS CHARACTERIZED AS ABLE BUT INEXPERIENCED.

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